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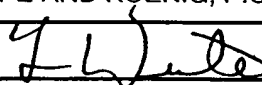
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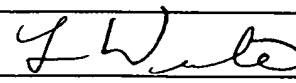
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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Independent Claim			
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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
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1204 88	2204 44	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
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1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
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1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 430	2252 215	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 980	2253 490	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,530	2254 765	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,080	2255 1,040	Extension for reply within fifth month	
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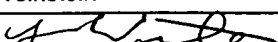
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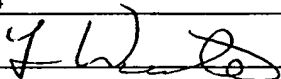
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Art Unit

3637

Examiner

Phi Dieu Tran A

Applicant hereby requests an oral hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in the appeal of the above-identified application.

The fee for this Request for Oral Hearing is (37 CFR 1.17(d))

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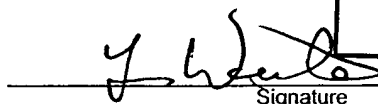
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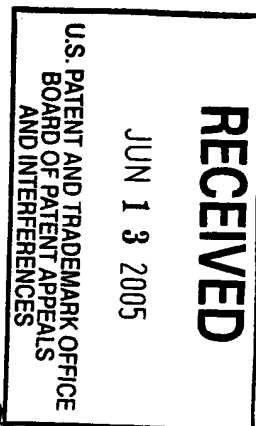
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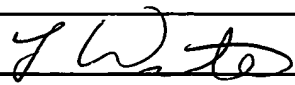
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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Westhoff et al.

**Application No.:** 09/395,106

**Confirmation No.:** 5428

**Filed:** September 14, 1999

**For:** MANHOLE INSERT FOR  
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**COMMUNICATION RE STATUS OF REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING  
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Sir:

Please advise as to the status of our request for an Oral Hearing that we filed on October 6, 2004 (copy enclosed) before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. We filed the request along with a Reply in response to Examiner's Answer mailed on August 6, 2004 (copy enclosed).

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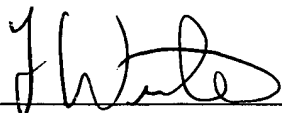
**GROUP 3600**

**Applicant:** Westhoff et al.  
**Application No.:** 09/395,106

Accordingly, Applicant's respectfully request that a hearing date be entered and an Office Communication be forwarded confirming this request.

Respectfully submitted,

Westhoff et al.

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